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## Board of Youth Services Minutes 3/7/2012

**Board of Youth Services**  
**At Whittemore Robbins House**  
**March 7, 2012**  
**7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

### Present:

Malachy Shawjones; Doug Katz; Phyllis Brown; Joan Robbio; Elizabeth Oppedisano; Carlene Newell, Mary Decourcey; Gina Murphy; Lori Talanian; Joan Axelrod Lehigh; Lauren Boyle

### Welcome

Review minutes from January: Lori T. moves to accept minutes; motion accepted

February: Lori T. moves to accept minutes; motion accepted

### Updates from Chair – Mary DeCoursey

Arlington Gives: [www.arlingtongives.org](http://www.arlingtongives.org) New website has been set up which lists Health and Human Services assistance programs; citizens can contribute to programs of their choice

Spring Event – Team Up Soccer Tournament fundraiser, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

- Will be held at Belmont Hill (June 24) women's soccer teams
- Opportunities to get involved

Corporate sponsorships/Outreach to businesses:  
 Information on offsetting cost of t-shirts : Lori will pursue this  
 Social media outreach: Lauren will assist  
 Flatbed truck to move goals (6/23)  
 Poster board ad in front of Town Hall  
 Volunteers for day of event 8 to 4 PM (1 to 2 hour blocks):

- Proceeds will go to AYCC general fund

Fall Event – Gala Evening.

- October 19<sup>th</sup>; have begun planning
- Looking to do a trip to Fort Myers/Red Sox training
- Will ask board to solicit donations for auction

**AYCC Update – Director: Phyllis Brown**

Referrals are up; may have to do more hiring

Have hired someone to do substance abuse groups (an ex-student); will see all the Diversion kids and will do parent groups

Would like to develop parent groups and social groups for kids on the autism spectrum

Bullying intervention is expanding; Jessica (AYCC clinician) is shadowing Doug so she can move into other schools; Doug is at Stratton, Brackett and Hardy: Speaking to classes about bullying; two to three hours each week; solicit kids who may want to talk privately; at middle school runs a group for kids who have been chronically bullied; at high school have recently met with Bridge Builders who will meet with and support students who have been bullied.

Discussion re coordinating Youth Health and Safety Coalition re how to reach out to parents to disseminate information about substance use at the middle and high school, how to identify it, how to manage it

Outreach to pediatricians: Want to try to meet and partner more with local pediatricians

- Joan will reach out to Alewife group

- Lori will contact Dr. Joyce

- Mary will reach out to Dr. Morvai

**Other Business**

- Have selected their peer leaders; many applicants this year

- Will meet with 6<sup>th</sup> grade kids

Next meeting April 4